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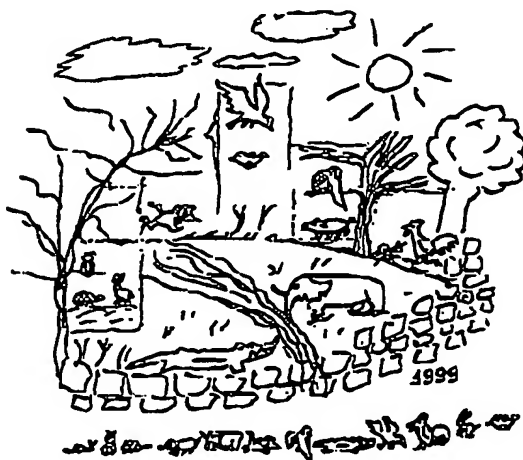
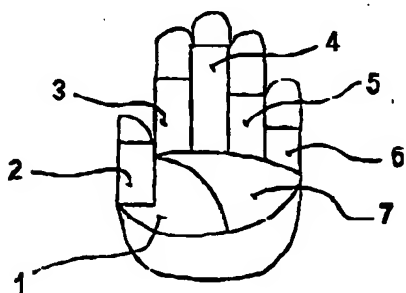
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(54) Title: **VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS**



(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to an element that will become part of the composition of a calendar with the aim of integrating the calendar into objects or illustrations. It is applicable to the calendars of dates. The proposed solution is a definition of areas (1-7) that will constitute themselves as elements of the calendar, the sum of the areas (1-7) constituting the support for the other elements being associated therewith. The disposition of seven areas (1-7), one for each day of the week, in sequential order allows the reduction of necessary space and/or the change of the appearance of the calendar, allows integrating the calendar into illustrations, objects or advertisements, the calendar thus being fitted to a ring, to a small coin, to a pen, to a shirt button, to a credit card, to an industry mark, trade or service, to an advertisement to a landscape in a picture, to a toy and other objects in a personalised way.

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VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS

This present invention refers to an element that starts to do part of the composition of calendars. It is applicable to the calendars of dates, as the Gregorian, the Egyptian, and the Israeli, among others.

5 The previous calendars usually form a structure in form of tables with identifiers characters of days of the month and days of the week, disposed in lines and columns, where leaving of the day of the month, it is followed in the sense of the line or of the column to be located the day of the week, or leaving of the day of the week, it is followed in the sense of the line or of the column to be located the
10 day of the month.

In general each table corresponds to an only month of the year, but there are also calendars where an only table corresponds to all year. In this last case there is just an only group of days of the month.

The previous calendars, commonly, come accompanied by objects,
15 illustrations and advertisements being noticed what evidently is calendar.

It is difficult to integrate the previous calendars to an illustration or an object without the calendar gets plenty attention for itself, usually taking the characteristic or harming, the aesthetics of the due group to great amount of characters (numbers or letters) that composes the calendar. Also, for the same reason, it is
20 practically unviable to join, so that it is visibly readable, a traditional calendar with twelve months in a small area that fits in a ring, in a button, in a small coin, in a pen cover, for instance.

Nowadays, the smallest printed calendar or object that we can imagine, it still occupies a lot of space and it is very difficult to use it jointly with some product
25 of reduced size without interfering excessively in the group.

Besides, every year the printed calendars lose their usefulness because they cannot be used the following year. And that implicates in an enormous amount of material thrown away.

The present invention has the aim of solving the mentioned problems such
30 as: to allow the reduction of necessary space to the calendars and/or the change of the appearance of the same ones integrating them the illustrations, objects, advertisements that accompany becoming them more present in a subtle way

making possible in many cases, that the shape/object has subsequent usefulness at the end of the calendar.

The solution proposed by the present invention is the definition of areas that start to constitute in calendar elements and support for other elements of the same. The sum of the areas constitutes the support for the other elements, that
5 associated to these ones, they supply the information of calendar.

The mentioned areas can be shapes/objects or parts of shapes/objects.

Each element area can correspond to a day of the week and to it is associated elements that correspond to a/some day(s), with preference the first,
10 the eighth, the fifteen, the twenty-second and the twenty-ninth of each month.

Or, each element area can correspond to one month and to it is associated an element that corresponds to the day of the week corresponding to a/some day(s), with preference the first, the eighth, the fifteen, the twenty-second and the twenty-ninth of that month.

This way, considering that the support becomes integral part of the
15 calendar, with other elements distributed according to the defined areas, we have a coincidence of areas among the defining elements of days of the week and days of the month, there is no way to go through from the day of the month to the day of the week or from the day of the week to the day of the month.

The disposition of seven areas, one for each day of the week, in
20 sequential order can serve as an instrument to be traveled for obtaining of the other days non informed more directly

For instance, if in an area that means Tuesday it is inserted an element that means first, eighth, fifteen, twenty-second and twenty-ninth day(s), we can count
25 twenty-two in the area of Tuesday, twenty-three in the area of Wednesday, twenty-four in the area of Thursday, and so forth, until we get to the wanted day; It's getting to this, we observe which area stopped the count and we have the day of the corresponding week.

Still considering that constituted instrument of seven areas, if we want to
30 know how many days the respective month has, in the case of the Gregorian calendar, it is enough we make the count starting from the defining element of the month in subject, considering this as twenty-nine and following the count even

before getting to the definer element of the following month; the last count will correspond to the last day of the month. If the same area comprises the definer element of the month in subject and the definer element of the following month, for obvious it doesn't exist the twenty-nine in the month in subject.

5 Considering the infinite alternatives of definitions of areas the calendar constituted like this can be of common use, identified as such for anybody that has previous knowledge of the definition of areas, as it can be used in a personal way, for the definition of the elements areas and of the other complementary elements in agreement with the symbolic universe wanted by the users; it could
10 arrive to the point that, before a picture that presents a landscape, for instance, the solicitor and his supplier only know immediately that they are before a calendar. It is possible, therefore, harmonize the calendar with the environment and maintain it even after the passage of the last day of the calendar in subject.

15 It becomes possible to integrate the calendar, visible with the naked eye, to a ring, to a small coin, to a shirt button, to a credit card, to an industry mark, trade or service, to a advertisement and infinites other objects/shapes.

 If we have in mind that the day of the week of the first, eighth, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine of every month are always equal, when visualizing the calendar, it is possible to obtain the day of the week of the days of the year in an
20 interval of one to ten seconds, even for initial users, according to the ability of each one. Therefore the speed of obtaining of the information can be faster than the one of the previous calendars.

 It allows to be obtained the information of the calendar in a more natural way. The user comes across different styles of calendar, stimulating the intellect in
25 a pleasant way, very different from the table structures.

 The enclosed drawings show some of the applications of the present invention:

 The fig. 1 displays the human hand divided in seven areas (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7), each one representative of a day of the week; and the areas of the fingers
30 represent the days of the week, so that the one of the thumb (2) corresponds Monday, the one of the indicator (3) corresponds Tuesday, the one of the middle finger (4) corresponds Wednesday, the one of the ring (5) corresponds Thursday

and the one of the minimum finger (6) corresponds Friday; the central area of the hand comes divided in two areas, so that the base of the thumb (1) corresponds to Sunday and the base of the other fingers (7) corresponds on Saturday;

The fig. 2 displays a variant of the illustration 1 with twelve rectangles where representative characters/symbols of the twelve months of the year of 1999, will be inserted January (11), February (12), March (13), April (14), May (15), June (16), July (17), August (18), September (19), October (20), November (21), December (22), distributed in the seven areas in agreement with the day of the week of the first, eighth, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine of each month; the characters/symbols can be, for instance January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

The fig. 3 displays other variant of the illustration 1; in this case for the positions in that the rectangles are distributed where representative characters/symbols of the twelve months of the year of 1999 will be inserted although don't appear the limits among areas, it is implicit, to whom is already user of the new technology that the support is composed of seven associated areas the human hand,

The fig. 4 also displays a variant of the illustration 1; in this case, twelve animals, each one representing one of the twelve months of the year of 1999 are distributed in seven groups, as background a landscape that in a subtle way presents, in some lines a linking with areas of the human hand; in the inferior part for the sequential position in that they present the same twelve animals, it identifies which month represents each one;

The fig. 5 introduces a similar form of a clock where twelve representative areas of the months of the year coincide with the respective positions of the hours and shows twelve rectangles where symbols/characters will be inserted, identifiers of the days of the week - Sunday (31), Monday (32), Tuesday (33), Wednesday (34), Thursday (35), Friday (36), Saturday (37) - of the first, eighth, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine days of each one of the months of 1999, positioned one in each one of the areas corresponding to the respective month; the symbols/characters can be, for

instance Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat.

The fig. 6 displays a variant of the illustration 5, where the areas of the positions of hour of one to seven, in the external part, present seven circumferences that can be colored, for example, Sunday/yellow (41), Monday/red (42), Tuesday/blue (43), Wednesday/green (44), Thursday/purple (45), Friday/black (46), Saturday/orange (47); and the areas of the positions of hour of one to twelve, in the internal part represent the months of the year of 1999, each one in agreement with the color corresponding to the day of the week of the first, eighth, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine of every month.

Among the several ways of executing to present invention, we consider that the best is to constitute the support based on seven associated areas the human hand, because this is knowledge of all, facilitating the common use, it is asymmetric, avoiding confusion among areas and, also, because as the elements areas, when visualized with explicitness, as the groups of elements disposed in the seven areas, they can supply instantly the days of the week of the days one, eight, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine and, still, to serve as instrument for the obtaining of the days of the week of the other days, being enough to travel the areas, starting the counting from one of the known closer days of wanted day.

However as in some cases the objective is to reduce still more the size of the calendar in order to integrate it to a ring, for instance, where we could visualize it with the naked eye, we consider that the best way is constituting the support based on twelve associated areas the positions of hour of a clock in its internal part, more seven associated areas the first seven positions of hour of the same clock in the external part, this for inscribing the days of the week, the other to present, according to legend, the days of the week of the days one, eight, fifteen, twenty-two and twenty-nine of every month.

The ways which the invention can be explored comprise, besides those in that nowadays the current calendars of dates are explored, countless other, mainly because they can be in a quite reduced size and for the flexibility aesthetic

The invention can be joined practically, any illustration or object, enlarging the usefulness of the same ones. For instance: credit card, phone card, presentation card, gloves, toys, little key keeper, gifts in general, ring, button of

clothes, bracelet, pendants, pens, pencil, rulers, cases, notebooks, blocks, calendars, medals, trophies, etc.

It can be used in stamps and commemorative coins of special dates; for instance, a stamp, or coin of the 500 years of the discovery of Brazil with the calendar of the year of 1500, with symbols that have relationship with the discovery, and jointly the calendar of the year 2000, with symbols related with Brazil now.

Personalized calendars/objects can be mounted for instance, for a builder to distribute for his customers, a calendars/objects, that can be used as weight for papers. In a format where five buildings more two areas of common use to the same ones are associated to seven areas of the human hand. For an industry of sodas instead of the format with buildings, it can be with bottles or cans.

Personalized calendars can be supplied using relatives' pictures, friends or other chosen images as symbols to being disposed on defined areas in an environment chosen for the same, in such a way that the user and the supplier will know that the picture or object is a calendar.

Pictures can be marketed with paintings comprising an implicit base of calendar without appearance of this, in such a way that the same maintains its ornamental value even if it finishes the period embraced as calendar.

They can also be marketed, besides pictures, other objects with several symbols in each representative area of the days of the week or months of the year in such a way that for the same illustration Jlg/legends can be supplied for several years, then it will be enough to see the legend or change the form that can be of reduced size, and the painting or object will continue serving as calendar

Didactic games can be created with several levels of difficulty. For instance, in the illustration it can have a jungle that corresponds to the elements areas and several animals that symbolize the other elements of the calendar, in such a way that some will easily be able to be found and other only with a lot of perception, then the forms of every year can be composed of months whose symbols, animals, are easier or more difficult of being found, so that two or more people can compete to see who discovers the requested dates first. Still, it can have option of form only with mammals, or reptiles, to facilitate the learning of the

differentiation among them. It can also have inspired calendars in historical facts and they are requested the corresponding dates in letters whose answers are in the verse of the same ones, for instance.

CLAIMS:

1) "VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS", characterized by presenting areas, explicit or implicit perceptible that can be associated, to the months of the year and/or days of the week, on which can be inserted or associated, characters, symbols, colors, songs, objects or other elements that represent the days of the week and/or the months of the year, where it is possible to know the day of the week in a certain day of the month, with preference, in an instantaneous way the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine; so that the illustrations and/or objects formed by the group of the certain areas with characters, symbols, colors, songs, objects or other elements can supply the information of the calendar and at the same time, to show itself; with a such format, and/or with the elements willing of a such form, that its appearance is different from the appearance of the current calendars and prevall on this.

2) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH FORMAT THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE HOURS OF A CLOCK TO THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR in agreement with the claim 1, characterized by presenting a same or similar form of the clock form, stylized or not, and for possessing twelve representative areas of the months of the year associated the twelve hours of the clock so that on each area it can be inserted or associated some symbols, color, character(s), object or other element that represents a certain day of the week, with preference the day of the week of the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine of the month represented by the area on which the representative elements of the days of the week are inserted, or associated.

3) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH FORMAT THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE FIRST SEVEN HOURS OF A CLOCK TO THE DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1, characterized by being a base for calendar with a same or similar form to the total or partially form of the clock, stylized or not, and for possessing representative areas of the days of the week, where each one of the points that indicate the first seven hours belong or they are associated to an internal area or externals representative of the day of the week whose the order

number coincides with the number of the hour in that point, so that on each area can be inserted or associated, symbols, colors, characters, objects or other elements that can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine.
 5 that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

4) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH DERIVED FORMAT OF THE HUMAN HAND WITH SEVEN ASSOCIATED AREAS TO THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1,
 10 characterized by being a base for calendar with stylized form or not, with derived shape of the human hand, possessor of seven representative areas of the days of the week on which can be inserted or associated symbols, colors, characters, objects or other elements that represent or can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth,
 15 twenty-two and twenty-nine, that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

5) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS IN SAME OR SIMILAR FORMAT TO THE SUN in agreement with claim 1, characterized by the
 20 similar form to the sun with areas associating positions of hours of a clock with ray of the sun.

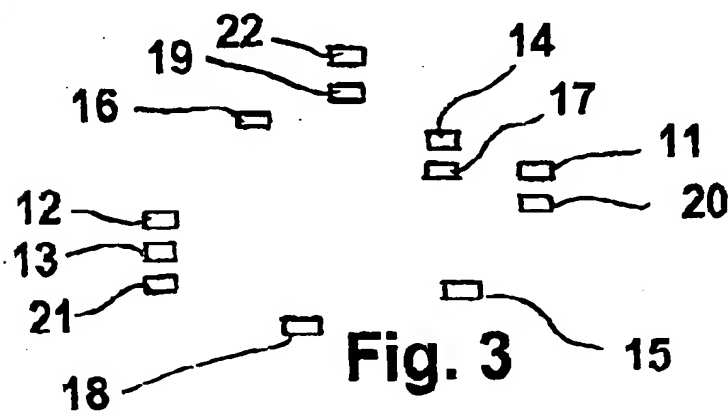
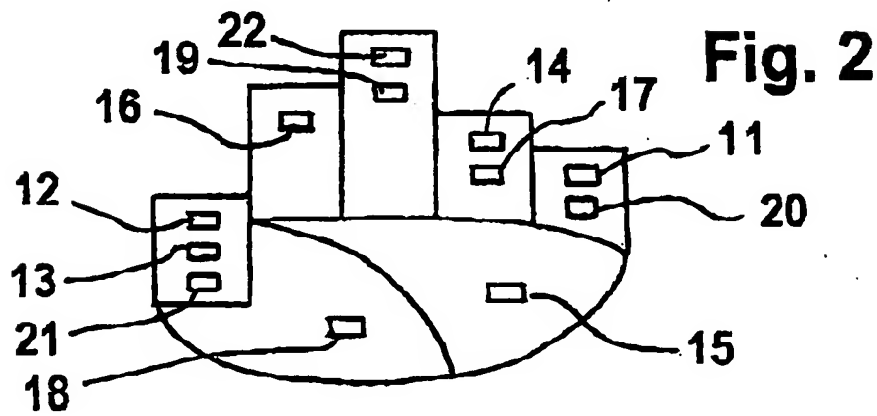
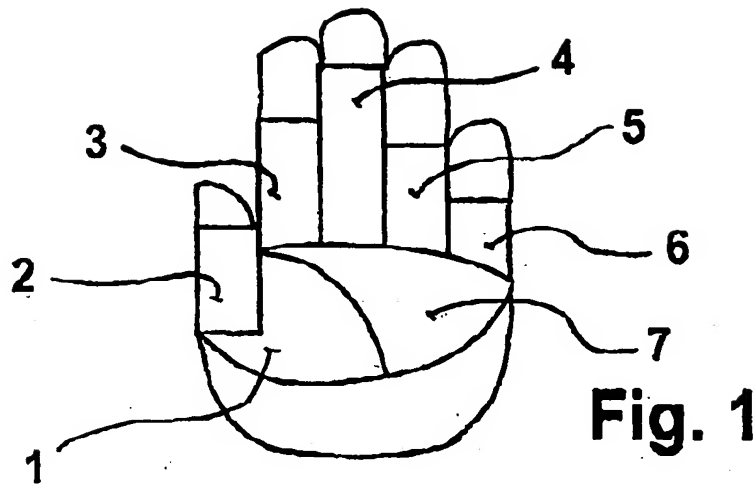
6) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR REPRESENTED BY THE SYMBOLS OF THE HOROSCOPE in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the symbols of
 25 the horoscope to identify the months of the year, being used for every month, with preference, the symbol of the horoscope of the first day of that month.

7)) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE NUMBERS 1-8-15-22-29 OR SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENT THEM in agreement with claim 1, characterized by presenting the numbers 1-8-15-22-29
 30 or symbols that represent them, close to illustrations or objects that are not a traditional calendar and they can be used as calendar or serve as support for other calendars.

8) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK REPRESENTED BY THE SEVEN MUSICAL NOTES, in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the representative symbols or tones of the seven musical notes to identify the days of the week.

5 9) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND/OR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK REPRESENTED BY COLORS in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using colors, instead of symbols, to identify the months of the year and/or day of the week corresponding to certain day of the month.

10 10) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND/OR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ASSOCIATED THE ANIMALS OF THE GAME OF THE BUG in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the animals accordingly their numbering in the game of the bug, to associate them to months and/or to the days of the week.



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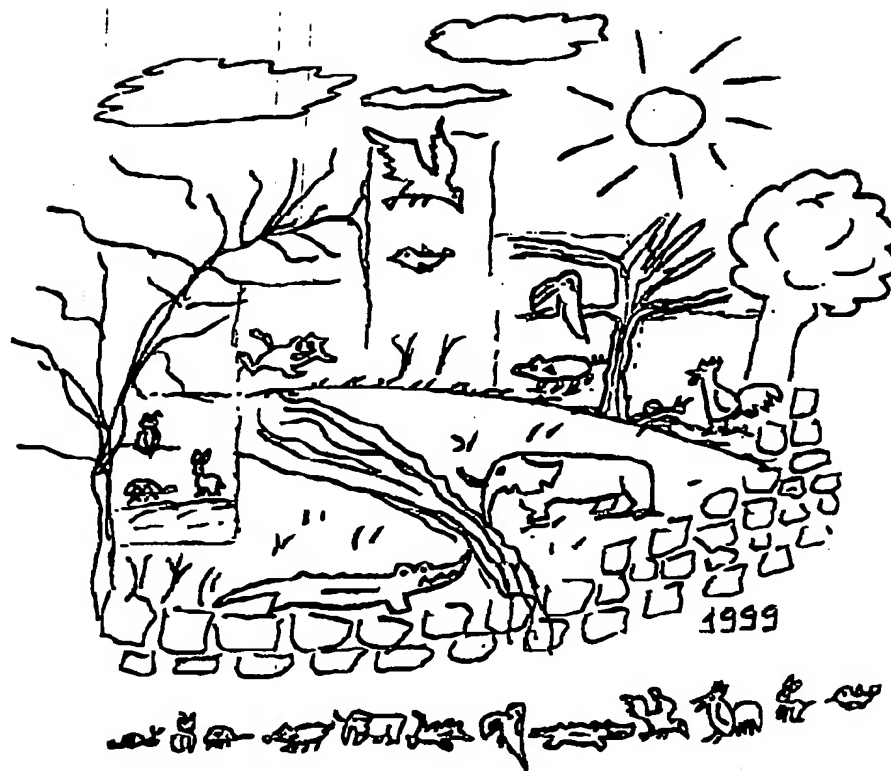


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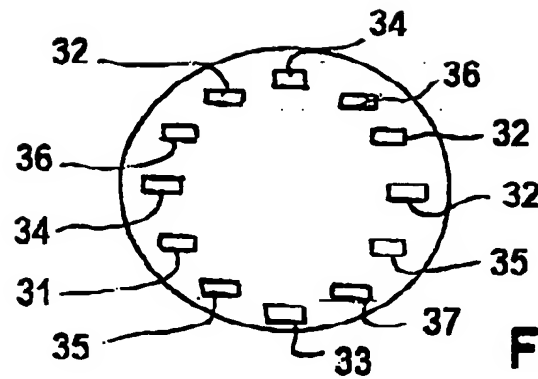


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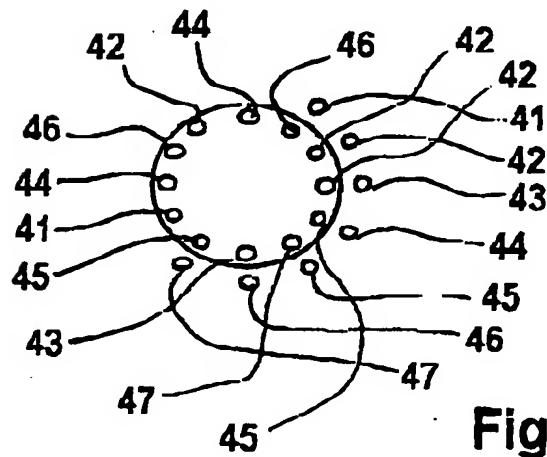


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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant: GRAZZIOTIN, FERNANDO ALBERTO et al.			
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examination Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>7</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>3</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the opinion II. <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV. <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 			
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1. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:**

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages 1-7, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages 1-3, filed with the letter of 28 March 2001 (28.03.2001).

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-5, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as 'originally filed' and are not annexed in this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are cited in the search report:

- D1 US 5 799 423 A (MALINO)
- D2 US 5 934 707 A (JOHNSON)
- D3 DE 298 05 523 U1 (GRUBER)
- D4 EP 0 489 652 A1 (BEAUDENOM DE LAMAZE)
- D5 US 4 387 521 A (WILHELM)
- D6 DD 236 058 A1 (GIESEL ET AL.)

The examination report was established on the basis of the amended claims 1-10 filed with letter of March 28, 2001.

The results of the examination report are as follows:

Documents D1-D4 are considered to represent the most relevant state of the art concerning the claims 1,2; D5 and D6 represent a state of the art of less relevance.

D1 discloses a magnetic calendar of the perpetual type adapted to be attached to a metal surface or object which is preferably planar whereby the magnetic pieces are adhered to the non-ferromagnetic body portion of the calendar by the magnetic attraction force acting through the non-ferromagnetic body portion and to the magnetic surface or object, the magnetic pieces being constructed of strip magnets with month of the day, an occasion or a holiday affixed thereto and being easily rearranged to display calendars of different months of the year and of different

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years, artwork being displayed within the grid-like section of the calendar and including pictorials such as objects, phrases, colours, letters and the like which are useful for aiding and enabling learning in children.

D2 discloses a calendar comprising a panel bearing date indicia corresponding to the days of a year sequentially numbered for each month, a plurality of masks for removably adhering to said panel comprising an opening configured to reveal date indicia corresponding to one day of the month and to conceal adjacent and contiguous date indicia, each mask bearing a pictorial device configured to evoke a symbol of one of a human activity and a human sentiment, for indicating a suggested day to engage in the activity symbolized by the mask.

D3 discloses a watch with a date, hour, minute and seconds display, Maya signs being provided instead of the usual hour signs, the 20 Tzolkin day symbols being applied to an outer ring rotating according to the clock movement, the meaning of each of the respective combinations of Maya signs and Tzolkin day symbols being inferred from the corresponding Tzolkin calendar.

D4 discloses an astrological indicator, with a Chinese component including a first display showing the 24 hours, and a second display showing the 24 astrological signs, the watch further including a date and year indicator, along with Zodiac signs, the combination of information on the watch allowing determination of the two most eventful hours of each day of the year as a function of the chosen birth date.

D5, D6 represent a state of the art of less relevance.

Claim 1: None of the prior art documents anticipates nor renders obvious the visual sensitive support of calendars of dates, comprising seven areas representing the days of the week, characters, symbols, colours, sounds, objects or other elements being inserted on said areas or being associated with said areas, said characters, symbols, colours, sounds, objects or elements representing the months the first days of which correspond to said day of the week being represented by said area, said arrangement allowing the user to determine any day of the week of the other days following the sequential order of said seven areas constituting the calendar.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

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Claim 2: None of the cited documents anticipates nor renders obvious a visual sensitive support of calendars presenting a format providing an association between the positions of the hours of a clock and the respective months of the year, wherein each position of the hour presents inserted or associated characters, symbols, colours, songs, objects or other elements representing the day of the week of the first day of any month of the year.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

Claim 3: None of the cited documents anticipates nor renders obvious a visual support of calendars comprising a format providing an association between the positions of the first seven hours of a clock and areas representing the days of the week.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

Claim 4: None of the cited documents anticipates nor renders obvious the visual sensitive support of calendars comprising seven areas associated with the seven days of the week and providing a format of a human hand, symbols, colours, characters, objects or other elements being inserted on said areas or being associated with said areas and representing the months of the year having a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-second and twenty-ninth, providing an association between said representative elements of the months and the day of the week represented by said area.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

Claims 5-8: The subject-matter of claims 5-8 can be considered to be new and to involve an inventive step, reciting specified features concerning a format enabling the association of said month areas of the year in positions of the hour with rays of the sun, presenting symbols of the horoscope distributed in seven areas corresponding to the first day of each month on the representative area that coincides with the day of the week of the first day of the respective month, presenting the numbers 1-8-15-22-29 or symbols representing said numbers, and the days of the week being represented by representative symbols or tones of the seven musical notes, said features not being anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited prior art documents.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

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Claim 9: None of the cited documents anticipates nor renders obvious a visual sensitive support of calendars comprising seven different characters, symbols, colours, sounds, objects or other elements representing each one of the days of the week disposed in a group of seven areas in agreement with the positions of the hour of the clock.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

Claim 10: None of the cited documents anticipates nor renders obvious a visual sensitive support of calendars comprising a sequence of characters, symbols, colours, sounds, objects or other elements representing the days of the week of the first day of each month, said disposition of seven areas being associated with the days of the week in sequential order and constituting the calendar, thus allowing integrating the calendar into illustrations, objects or advertisements.

Accordingly, the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are complied with.

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The definition in the claims of the matter for which protection is sought shall be in terms of the technical features of the invention.

However, some of the features used in the claims of the application do not meet this demand in a satisfactory manner for a distinguishing feature of the invention, in particular the feature "presenting the numbers 1-8-15-22-29 or symbols representing said numbers close to illustrations or objects that are not a traditional calendar" (see claim 7).

A recasting of the claims 1-10 seems to be necessary in order to comply with said requirement.

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In order to facilitate the understanding and to present claims which aren't conflicted with the documents mentioned in the International Search Report, three sheets were substituted through three amended sheets, as they follow:

- Claim 1 was dismembered in three claims (1, 2 and 10);
- Claim 2 incorporated a part of the claim 1, stopping being dependent of this;
- Claims 3 and 4 unchanged;
- Claim 5 started to depend of the claim 2, because the claim 1 was dismembered;
- Claim 6 was modified because we understood that was not appropriately formulated;
- Claim 7 started to depend of the claim 1 and/or 2, because the claim 1 was dismembered;
- Claim 8 unchanged;
- Claim 9 was enlarged and reformulated to present claims which aren't conflicted with the mentioned documents;
- The previous claim 10 was totally substituted by the new claim 10, which presents part of the previous claim 1.

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CLAIMS:

1) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH AREAS DAYS OF THE WEEK, applicable to the calendars of dates, as the Gregorian, the Egyptian, and the Israeli, among others, characterized by presenting seven areas (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7), explicit or implicitly perceptible, each one of them representing one of the days of the week and they have on each one of them, inserted or associated, characters, symbols, colors, sounds, objects or others elements (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) which represent the month (s) that initiate in the same day of the week whose respective area is representing, so that, following the sequential order of the seven areas, just with these data, it's possible to know the days of the week of the others days.

2) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH MONTHS AREAS OF THE YEAR IN POSITIONS OF HOUR", characterized by presenting, explicit or implicitly, a format which makes possible the association of the positions of the hours of a clock to the respective months of the year and, simultaneously, by presenting, about each position of hour, inserted or associated, characters, symbols, colors, sounds, objects or others elements that represent the day of the week of the first day of each month, being the day of the week of the first day of the first month of the year in the position of the hour one, the day of the week of the first day of the second month of the year in the position of the hour two, and so forth.

3) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH FORMAT THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE FIRST SEVEN HOURS OF A CLOCK TO THE DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1, characterized by being a base for calendar with a same or similar form to the total or partially form of the clock, stylized or not, and for possessing representative areas of the days of the week, where each one of the points that indicate the first seven hours belong or they are associated to an internal area or externals representative of the day of the week whose the order number coincides with the number of the hour in that point, so that on each area can be inserted or associated, symbols, colors, characters, objects or other

elements that can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine, that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

5 4) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH DERIVED FORMAT OF THE HUMAN HAND WITH SEVEN ASSOCIATED AREAS TO THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1, characterized by being a base for calendar with stylized form or not, with derived shape of the human hand, possessor of seven representative areas of the days of the week on which can be inserted or associated, symbols, colors, characters, objects or other elements that represent or can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine, that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

15 5) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS IN SAME OR SIMILAR FORMAT TO THE SUN in agreement with claim 2, characterized by the similar form to the sun with areas associating positions of hours of a clock with ray of the sun.

20 6) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH SYMBOLS OF THE HOROSCOPE DISTRIBUTED IN SEVEN AREAS, in agreement with the claim 1, characterized by presenting each symbol of the horoscope corresponding to the first day of each month, on the representative area of the day of the week that coincides with the day of the week of the first day of the respective month.

25 7) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE NUMBERS 1-8-15-22-29 OR SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENT THEM in agreement with claim 1 and/or 2, characterized by presenting the numbers 1-8-15-22-29 or symbols that represent them, close to illustrations or objects that are not a traditional calendar and they can be used as calendar or serve as support for other calendars.

8) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK REPRESENTED BY THE SEVEN MUSICAL NOTES, in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the representative symbols or tones of the seven musical notes to identify the days of the week.

9) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH AREAS OF THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND AREAS OF THE DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 2, characterized by presenting still the seven different (11) (12) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) characters, symbols, colors, sounds, objects or other elements that represent each one of the days of the week disposed in a group of seven areas, also in agreement with the positions of hour of the clock, however in the external or internal part in relation to the month areas, with the element which represents the first day of the week in the position of hour one, the element which represents the second day of the week in the position of hour two, and so forth.

10) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS SEQUENTIAL OF THE DAYS OF THE WEEK OF THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH, characterized by presenting the simple sequence of characters, symbols, colors, sounds, or other elements that represent the days of the week of the first day of every month of the year (s), in growing order of the months, joined to objects as pens, rulers, rings, coins, etc., becoming possible the use of these objects also as calendar because each element of the sequence is in an area considered month area.

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CLAIMS:

1) "VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS", characterized by presenting areas, explicit or implicit perceptible that can be associated, to the months of the year and/or days of the week, on which can be inserted or associated, characters, symbols, colors, songs, objects or other elements that represent the days of the week and/or the months of the year, where it is possible to know the day of the week in a certain day of the month, with preference, in an instantaneous way the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine; so that the illustrations and/or objects formed by the group of the certain areas with characters, symbols, colors, songs, objects or other elements can supply the information of the calendar and at the same time, to show itself; with a such format, and/or with the elements willing of a such form, that its appearance is different from the appearance of the current calendars and prevail on this.

2) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH FORMAT THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE HOURS OF A CLOCK TO THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR in agreement with the claim 1, characterized by presenting a same or similar form of the clock form, stylized or not, and for possessing twelve representative areas of the months of the year associated the twelve hours of the clock so that on each area it can be inserted or associated some symbols, color, character(s), object or other element that represents a certain day of the week, with preference the day of the week of the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine of the month represented by the area on which the representative elements of the days of the week are inserted, or associated.

3) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH FORMAT THAT MAKES POSSIBLE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE FIRST SEVEN HOURS OF A CLOCK TO THE DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1, characterized by being a base for calendar with a same or similar form to the total or partially form of the clock, stylized or not, and for possessing representative areas of the days of the week, where each one of the points that indicate the first seven hours belong or they are associated to an

traditional calendar and they can be used as calendar or serve as support for other calendars.

8) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK REPRESENTED BY THE SEVEN MUSICAL NOTES, in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the representative symbols or tones of the seven musical notes to identify the days of the week.

9) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND/OR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK REPRESENTED BY COLORS in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using colors, instead of symbols, to identify the months of the year and/or day of the week corresponding to certain day of the month.

10) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND/OR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ASSOCIATED THE ANIMALS OF THE GAME OF THE BUG in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the animals accordingly their numbering in the game of the bug, to associate them to months and/or to the days of the week.

internal area or externals representative of the day of the week whose the order number coincides with the number of the hour in that point, so that on each area can be inserted or associated, symbols, colors, characters, objects or other elements that can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine, that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

4) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH DERIVED FORMAT OF THE HUMAN HAND WITH SEVEN ASSOCIATED AREAS TO THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK in agreement with claim 1, characterized by being a base for calendar with stylized form or not, with derived shape of the human hand, possessor of seven representative areas of the days of the week on which can be inserted or associated symbols, colors, characters, objects or other elements that represent or can represent the month or the months of the year that have a certain day, with preference the first, eighth, fifteenth, twenty-two and twenty-nine, that combines in the day of the week represented by the area on which the representative elements of the months are inserted or associated.

5) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS IN SAME OR SIMILAR FORMAT TO THE SUN in agreement with claim 1, characterized by the similar form to the sun with areas associating positions of hours of a clock with ray of the sun.

6) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR REPRESENTED BY THE SYMBOLS OF THE HOROSCOPE in agreement with claim 1, characterized by using the symbols of the horoscope to identify the months of the year, being used for every month, with preference, the symbol of the horoscope of the first day of that month.

7)) VISUAL SENSITIVE SUPPORT OF CALENDARS WITH THE NUMBERS 1-8-15-22-29 OR SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENT THEM in agreement with claim 1, characterized by presenting the numbers 1-8-15-22-29 or symbols that represent them, close to illustrations or objects that are not a